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Damage Described At Yard

Marinship war workers were asked to police their own ranks by General Manager William F. Waste, who talked to the 15,000 employees over the public address system during the noon period last Wednesday.

Waste declared that evidence of sabotage to five ships has been discovered in the past month, causing actual damage amounting to over $60,000 in two instances and that five of the "incidents" occurred last Saturday.

"During the past several weeks there have been a number of very disturbing happenings—and we want to tell you what we have seen, heard and otherwise observed, having to do with the recent damage to particularly the electrical equipment on several tanker hulls on the ways and in outfitting," Waste said. He then went on to enumerate:

1. On November 5, fire practically destroyed the main switchboard of the S.S. Mission San Miguel (Hull 30). The damage necessitated complete replacement of the switchboard at a cost of $30,000.

2. On December 4, a 1½-inch cap screw was found inserted between the rotor and stator of the main motor on the Mission Soledad. Loss amounting to $30,000 was caused when a jacking engine revolved the motor, damaging 320 of the 550 coils in the stator and delaying delivery of the ship by at least two weeks.

3. Last Saturday, three incidents were reported, advance discovery forestalling more heavy damage, in all three instances, to electrical equipment.

A large oil can and a handful of galvanized metal screws were found in the generator of the Mission San Jose; a pile of gasoline-soaked, oily rags was found behind the main switchboard of the Mission San Fernando, and from inside the main motor on Hull No. 37, still on the ways, a long crowbar and a heavy lifting tackle were taken.

The Plant Protection Force, the Coast Guard and the FBI are all investigating, Waste declared. He then asked that every worker be on the alert for any suspicious incident or act that might appear to have been caused by some disloyal person.

Freak Accident Injures Local Woman

Mrs. Howard Steinmetz of House 120 was severely injured during the wind storm last week when her stalled car was rolled forward by the wind's impetus as she was walking in front of it. Mrs. Steinmetz was pulled beneath the vehicle which rolled over her legs.

The car, carried on by the gale, crashed on down hill to the Ed Mathews home, 117, where it smashed into the fuel oil barrels and caused considerable damage to the interior of the house.

The Mathew twin boys, who were asleep in the front room at the time, were uninjured. Also safe was little Lorraine Steinmetz, who was in the car during its dizzy downhill plunge.

Mrs. Steinmetz was hospitalized for a week with severe leg injuries.

BLOOD DONOR SERVICE

Mobile Unit at Marin City second Friday every month.

Mobile Unit at San Rafael every other Friday and Saturday.

Marin City Blood Donors Break Record

Marin City's volunteer blood donors broke all previous records here last Friday with 141 pints contributed for plasma for the war wounded, at the Red Cross Blood Procurement Center held at the Community Building. The highest previous record was 136 pints collected here in October.

Friday's record day brought the total up to 1227 pints donated at the Marin City Blood Procurement Center since the Mobile Unit started its once-a-month visits to the Community House last March.

The next visit of the Mobile Unit to Marin City is the second Friday in January, 1944. To make an appointment to give your blood for the armed forces, sign up at the Red Cross desk in the rental office of the Community Building, or see Mrs. W. C. Billingsley, Marin City Blood Donor chairman, at A15-607 after office hours.

New Year Brings Cut In Care Fees

Daily fees at Marin City's Nursery and Child Care Center will be reduced from 75 to 50 cents starting January 1, announced Superintendent Clifton Boyle this week.

This announcement comes after the arrival of a waiver from the Federal Works Agency which relieves local school districts from balancing their child care budgets equally between Federal grants and parents' fees. The Agency agrees to meet all extra costs in the maintenance of the same child care services which have previously been established.

Boyle also announced that a sliding fee scale for two or more children of the same family has been established. By action of the Sausalito School Board, the superintendent is empowered to adjust the sliding scale to fit individual family needs, without raising it above the ceiling level or lowering it below the daily food cost.

Peace Comes To This War Housing Project

The quiet community life of Marin City was revealed yesterday by the local sheriff's report of not one arrest here for over a month.

Only troubles coming into the sheriff's office have been fights between boys and residents' complaints of barking dogs in their neighborhoods.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pleake and family have moved to Portland, Oregon.

War Chest Money Comes Here

The first check to "Marin City Welfare" from Marinship's War Chest Drive, was received here last week, Merritt Webster of the Housing Authority disclosed yesterday.

The check is the first in a series of nine which will total nearly $1200—four per cent of the entire Marinship drive. The special fund of the War Chest money was created at the request of Guy A. Ciocca, executive director of this housing authority, at a preliminary meeting of the drive. This fund was set up, Ciocca stated, not because Marin City needs special charity, but because a large portion of people here are not eligible for county welfare in case of need, due to their county residence status.

Webster, assistant director, stated that the Housing Authority will act as banker for the funds which are to be appropriated by the Marin City Council.

This partial control of the funds by the authority will permit their refusal of the funds if the council action for their disposal seems unwise, stated Webster. Webster emphasized that this money is to last for one year, and that no further appropriation from the War Chest is to be expected except that which is granted the local USO Travelers' Aid.

It is assumed that Mrs. Marie Larson of the USO will be the agency who will bring the attention of the council to residents who are in temporary need.

The fund grant has not yet been officially presented to the council, which at a previous meeting had requested information on the fund's disposal from the Community Chest chairman.

F.D. Away So School Funds Wait

The appropriation to run Marin City's war emergency school is meeting its last snag these days due to the absence of President Roosevelt in the Near East and Europe—for on his desk in Washington, D.C., lies the application for school funds awaiting his signature.

Word reached the school authorities this week that the original application made in August for Federal Lanham Act funds must be signed by the President himself. Thus his return will release the first national funds to come to the school district for the support of the new school.

In the meantime the Sausalito school district, going along on its local tax and assessment money, has run $21,605 in arrears. The school district has spent $31,662 in the support of both schools so far this year.

A second application which was filed later for Federal funds for extra teachers, additional equipment and a cafeteria, has been stalling through state and federal bureaus here. Latest news of the application comes from the California State Board of Education which recommends that the government immediately grant the school $61,713 of the $94,170 which was requested.

Santa Claus Coming To Town For Kids' Yule Party Sunday

Santa Claus is making a personal appearance here next Sunday at the Children's Christmas Party for all Marin City boys and girls at the Community Building, starting at 6:30 p. m.

Santa will hand out treats to everyone from his full pack. He will also be starred in a play called "Santa Claus and the Burglar," as part of the party program.

For the kids' further enjoyment there will be a movie, "The Christmas Story"; a Christmas carol singfest for all, and "Tableaus of Bethlehem," presented by Father Henry O'Flynn.

Plans for this big community kids' party started three months ago under the leadership of Verne Lindberg, former chairman of the Marin City Council child welfare committee.

All of the town's organizations were called into an allied planning group, and representatives of these organizations were charged with different party responsibilities.

The big Christmas tree is being brought in and set up by the Sea Scouts and their skipper, Arthur Walenta. Lighting on the tree and stage lights are being handled by Al Babcock, CD coordinator.

Dr. Norman Pendleton of the Community Church has been diligent in organizing the program. Mrs. J. D. Wilker of the P-TA and Mrs. W. C. Billingsley, CD representative, offered their time.

Teeners, under the direction of Lloyd Messersmith, constructed stage sets for the play and decorated the auditorium.

Others who helped are Joyce Palmer, Mrs. Nina Lindberg, Mrs. Martha Roberts, Mrs. Harmon Smith, Mrs. Walter Del Tredici, Dan Allen and Mrs. S. W. Frisby.

The cast of the play is Miss Betty Lee Maycock, Charles Henson, Norma Stanley, Nancy Maycock, Mona Christiansen, Patricia Logue, Jerry Henson, Billy Richardson, Arthur Walenta, Juanita Waycott, Opal Henson, and Mrs. N. E. Christiansen.

Verne Lindberg will be master of ceremonies.

'Flu' Strikes In Marin County

The influenza epidemic which has come across the Atlantic from England and swept cross-country, this last week hit Marin County in epidemic proportions.

This acute respiratory infection has filled local infirmaries and hospitals to capacity, and sent to bed hundreds of Marinship war workers. The yard reports that 69 per cent of their absentees were due to illness—with the proportion mounting daily.

The Medical Center here has 97 cases of "flu" on its records. The head nurse there states that the intensity in numbers is steadily rising .

The Marin County Health Department, in its weekly report of prevalent diseases, lists only one case of "flu." Other contagious diseases in the county are: Chickenpox, 12; mumps, 5; rheumatic fever, 1; scarlet fever, 2, and whooping cough, 1.

Mealey Gets Damages From Gyp Store

Roy E. Mealey of Marin City won a suit against Gerkings Second Hand Store in Mill Valley for an overcharge on a frigidaire, in Judge Paul Helmore's court last Friday.

Mealey collected $176 damages plus court and lawyer charges, from the store. The case came to court when the store charged Mealey $93 for a frigidaire, the ceiling price of which was $22.50.

The case was reported to the price panel of the War Ration Board in Mill Valley.

Parked Cars Endanger 15 Homes

Fifteen homes in Marin City went without fuel oil, ice and milk deliveries one day last week because cars parked on the service road leading to those homes blocked the trucks' entries.

The Housing Authority pointed out that this blocking would have kept out the fire truck's entry if a fire had been reported in one of those homes.

Soon "No Parking" signs will go up on these roads. For the first offense against the ban, a warning ticket will be issued. The second offense would mean arrest on a charge of misdemeanor by the local sheriff's department.

Xmas Fire Warning From Chief

Th Marin City fire department yesterday issued a list of fire precautions to be observed in using trimmings and decorations during the Christmas season:

Locate your tree a safe distance from curtains and drapes, Fire Chief Rolf Bremer advised. Flameproof trees and trimmings. Do not use cotton to decorate the tree.

Do not use cheap electrical equipment or lighted candles on or about the trees. Do not use inflammable trimmings of any sort on trees.

Be careful of smoking in the house while the Christmas decorations are up and remove trees and other decorations as soon as possible after the holiday season.

Locate the nearest phone as a holiday fire precaution. The fire house phone number is Sausalito 272.

Gay Carnival New Year's Dance Coming

A Carnival New Year's Eve Dance is scheduled for Friday, December 31, at the Community Building, under the auspices of the local Day and Graveyard Civilian Defense organization.

The music will be hot, and the soft drinks will be cold; and with the holiday spirit provided by the attending celebrants, a gala evening is promised by the president, W. C. Billingsley.

Carnival trimmings will be provided, with noise and funmakers for all in the Grand March at 11:30 p.m. The fun will start at 9 p.m. and continue for an hour into the new year.

Admission prices will not be upped. The usual admissions of 75 cents for gentlemen and 50 cents for ladies will be charged at the door.

Committee heads in charge of dance arrangements are Mrs. M. A. Percy, Frank Mack, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Billingsley, Mrs. E. L. Fitch, Mrs. D. D. Dinsmore, Mr. and Mrs. Earl James, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Pendley, R. Vanderwilt and Lloyd Messersmith.

New Families Arrive Here

Marin City last week welcomed the following new residents: L. Bailey, House 624; O. Wade, 679; Ruth Wells, 474; Ernest Ward, 736; Cecil Seagraves, 668; Elmer Raulston, 666; C. E. Pogue, 630; Oren Perry, 765; and J. A. Lee, 631.

Other welcomed newcomers are A. Amerson, 321; D. C. Allen, 160; Virg. Croom, 748; Harold Roland, 674, and Fred Montoya, House 652.

Christmas Club Will Carry On

In response to popular demand, the Christmas Club will not disband after the holidays, announces Martha Roberts of the Recreation Department. The club, which was organized to help children make Christmas gifts, will carry on under Mrs. Francis Shelley, a local volunteer worker.

Mrs. Shelley asks each child to bring a clean milk bottle, a sock, and some scraps of cloth to the next meeting, Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Community Building.

All children who have made Christmas items must collect them by December 21. If they wish to gift wrap their efforts, they must bring along wrappings and they'll get assistance on the job.

TB Patch Test Given At School Here

The tuberculin patch test sponsored by the Marin county health department at the Marin City school last Monday was received by 522 children out of the 883 enrolled there. In addition, 32 pre-school children and 52 adults came to the school that day to take the voluntary tests.

Children showing a positive reaction to the test will be given x-ray chest plate examinations when the mobile unit of the Marin county Anti-Tuberculosis association comes here January 10, the school authorities stated.

The test which was given last week was written up in "Life" magazine in the November 29 issue. An explanation of the Vollmer tuberculin patch test, which is being used in schools all over the country, was given.

The same program of TB tests will be given at the Sausalito Central school next spring.

Rats, Insects Menaced By Committee

The residents whose apartment was rid of non-existent cockroaches by a reckless exterminator worker, are to be awarded damages, it was announced at last Wednesday's Improvement Committee meeting by Milen Dempster.

Hereafter, the management promises, tenants will be warned in advance when the cockroach man is coming so that food and personal belongings can be protected.

The management has stated that when cockroaches show up in one apartment it is necessary to treat the whole building.

The Improvement Committee, which has had a long-time concern for nuisance animals, insects and rodents, again approached Marin City's rat problem. The Housing Authority declares that there are five agencies exterminating them in this area, which has long been noted for its rat colony. Residents are urged to report every time they see a rat, so that the menace can be curbed.

Young Gardeners Plan Yule Party

The Junior Garden Club's own Christmas party will be held next Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Garden Center. Detailed plans for games and refreshments are being made by the club boys and girls.

All children are invited who are registered with the Garden Center for gardens which they take care of themselves, either at home or at the center. This includes more than 60 children, says Mrs. Helen Van Pelt, garden consultant and club adviser.

Taxi Service For Gardeners Is Offered

An offer of taxi service for Skyline gardeners came this week from Mrs. Helen Van Pelt who says, "If you'd like to ride up to the gardens (you and your tools), join us at the Garden Center or hail us along the road." Either the Hartup or Van Pelt car will go up to the hill gardens Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 10 a.m. from the Center. This is an accommodation; there will be no charge, she states.

The 1944 rental for Skyline gardens was announced also this week, with payment due before January 15 at the Garden Center. Rates are:

Four dollars for plot 50 by 100 feet; $2 for plot 50 by 50 feet; $1 for plot 25 by 50 feet.

These rates include water and use of hose for the entire year, Mrs. Van Pelt announced.

Any plot not renewed before January 15 may be reassigned for the current year. Residents who have sub-let a plot from the original owner should be sure to let the Garden Center know of the transaction to avoid mixups.

The garden cosultant advises spading free ground soon and letting part of it lie fallow for February. This is our spring, and gardening can begin then in good earnest, says the consultant.

Meantime, she advises, plant winter cabbage, peas, and some of the root vegetables. Those who want to fertilize the ground should contact the Garden Center, where they are investigating the best way of making manure available to resident gardeners.

The Center announces that pipelines have been extended so that everybody can keep their gardens well watered without hardship.

House guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dickenson is Leonard Sears, now in the Army but formerly a Marinship war worker.

New Officers For Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary of the Community Church elected new officers for the coming year at their meeting yesterday. The new president is Mrs. Darold Adams.

Other elected officials are: Mrs. Margaret Abbott, vice president; Mrs. Charles Abernathy, secretary, and Mrs. Verne Koch, treasurer.

New Team

The Teeners' Basketball Club will be entered in the Dormitory League, says Tiny Messersmith. The league, which has been training under a Marin Junior College instructor, is promised some stiff competition by the new team.

The Garden Center has potted plants, including poinsettias, for Christmas decoration or gifts on sale now.

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Technicality Holds Up Union Case

Whether or not Marinship Negro war workers should have to join a Negro auxiliary of the AFL Boilermakers Union has bogged down into a legal technicality this week, with a panel of three judges considering whether or not case should be dismissed out of their court.

The technicality of jurisdiction over the Boilermakers versus the Negroes dispute was brought up in a motion made by the AFL union demanding that the case be dismissed on the grounds that the Federal court lacks jurisdiction over their union because its members are working in every state of the union.

The Negroes' attorneys retaliated with the declaration that Kansas City headquarters of the union would merit such jurisdiction, and that the action of excluding Negro workers from the union came from headquarters and not from its members.

Sitting in decision on the motion for dismissal are Judges Michael J. Roche, Lewis Goodman and A. F. St. Sure. This same panel will judge similar suits from other Bay area shipyards.

New Orchestra Plays For Square Dance

A four-piece "hoe-down" orchestra enlivened last Sunday's folk and square dance for swing shifters when local amateur musicians assembled to play together for the first time.

Violin and piano were played by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rennier of Charles City, Iowa, who belonged to an amateur orchestra back in their home town.

Two guitars were provided by Richard Johnson and Lewis York, both from Oklahoma. York comes to Marin City via Chicago where he played the harmonica on the radio. His cousin, Johnson, is learning the guitar under his tutelage.

The Sunday evening square dance session is held every Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Community Building. Another adult group gets together every Monday at 7:30 at the same place.

The Teeners have their own old-fashioned dance at 4 p.m. at the Control Center on Wednesdays. All groups are sponsored by the Recreation Department here. Newcomers are welcome.

Teener Model Builders To Launch Contest

At the first meeting of the Teeners' Airplane Club last Tuesday, the boys elected Joe Brautovich president of the new organization. Armand Johnston was elected vice president and Walter Daugherty was voted in as secretary-treasurer.

Maintaining that this was the only group of its kind in the county at the present time, Vice President Johnston of San Rafael asked that the club be thrown open for countywide membership. The motion was overwhelmingly passed by the membership.

An announcement was made that the San Rafael Camera Mart is ready to sponsor a contest and award prizes for the best airplane models constructed by the club. Plans to get the contest going are already afoot.

Arthur D'Ettel, group advisor, urges all interested Teeners to turn out and state their choice of models—gas driver, rubber driver, or solid models. The boys meet in Building No. 2 behind the Community Building every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Isolation Violations Reported

Numerous cases of isolation violations have been reported here, states the Medical Center. The center again warns parents that isolation signs must stay up and be honored for the full duration of contagious diseases.

When the child is taken to the Medical Center for his checkup for a readmission slip to school, the center requests that the parent bring the sign along and turn it in there.

Free chest plate X-ray examinations are coming on January 10 for Marin City residents.

Leathercraft Classes On The Way

A leathercraft class for teeners will soon be going, promises Lloyd Messersmith of the Recreation Department. Messersmith was assistant instructor for this type of work at the University of Iowa.

All tools will be furnished by the "399" Club, and fees will be 5 cents per session. Beginner and advanced work will produce book covers, patched pillows, coin purses, key rings and card cases.

"It takes no special skill to learn to do leathercraft. Many simple items can be made easily," Messersmith reassures timid teeners.

Center Open For Emergencies

The Marin City Medical Center will be open only for emergency calls on the afternoon of December 24 and all day on December 25.

Their emergency phone number is **Sausalito 1220.**

The "Citizen" suggests that all residents clip this notice and save it, so that the emergency phone number will be handy in case of medical needs on Sundays, holidays and after office hours.

The Teener football team upset Tiburon in a stiff game Sunday at Tiburon.

Keep Your Key Handy; Borrowed Entry Now Costs Residents $1

Suppose you lived in Sausalito or Mill Valley?

And suppose you came home late one night and found you had forgotten your key?

What would you do?

About the only thing you COULD do would be to break a window pane to get at the window lock. The next day you could pay to have a new pane put in.

But you happen to live in Marin City and when you lock yourself out, **at any hour of the** night or day, you simply get in touch with the maintenance department and they send out a man and a truck to open your door for you.

Because the number of daily "lockouts" in Marin City is beginning to average almost one an hour and because residents in such distress get a service given in no other community, management now announces that a fee of $1 will be charged whenever the maintenance department is called upon to "open up."

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Teeners Will Have Election Rally Party

An election rally and dance for local Teeners will be held this Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Community Building. Highlights of the evening will be Teener candidate interviews by "Tiny" Messersmith and two trumpet players rallying the crowd around the political festivities with election tunes in duet. Trumpeters are Bobby Marum and Melvin Walton.

Election day, when Teeners will choose 10 councilmen, is set for next Tuesday. Polls will be open in the Lounge from 1 to 9 p.m.

Candidates on the ballot are Buddy Sheppard, Wanda Walls, E. Lammer, Jeanne Skooglum, Joyce Palmer, Milton Styer, Bruce Veniss, Cal Buechler, Willie Rombke, Konrad Knudsen, R. W. Gruenwald, Norma Stanley, Bud Palmer, Don Roser, Victor Hoppe, Elayne Axtell, Lynn Draper, Dorothy Williams, Dorothy Rennier and Beryl Axtell.

Third-Graders Entertain P-TA Group

"Station X-M-A-S" broadcasted at last Wednesday's swing shift P-T.A. meeting here when the two third grades of Marin City's school put on a children's program. More than 80 children participated in skits, songs and recitations under the direction of their two teachers, Mrs. Nina Wilson and Mrs. Eva Longley.

Also on the program was Dr. Norman Pendleton, minister of the Community church here, whose stimulating talk on "Staunch Homes" led the parents' group to vote for sponsorship of Cub Pack 34.

Swing shift women members of the Parent-Teachers Association volunteered to hem towels for nursery school use. Other volunteers came forward to help in sacking and distributing candy for the Children's Community Christmas Party.

Mrs. Earl James, chairman of the women's section of the Civilian Defense organization, appealed to all women who have completed First Aid, Home Nursing or Nutrition Red Cross training to come to CD building and sign up for work in case of disaster.

The meeting was conducted by Mrs. J. D. Wilker, Marin City P-T.A. chairman.

Stage Sets

The stage sets for the Children's Christmas Party were constructed by Mousey Styir, Bob Gruenwald and Joe Brautovich, with the help of Lloyd Messersmith. The boys will also decorate the auditorium for the party.

School's Out For Only One Week

A one-week Christmas vacation begins next Monday for Marin City school children, it was decided at last Monday's school board meeting. This is the first time in the Sausalito School District that the vacation has not been of two weeks duration.

The decision for a shorter vacation was made after prolonged debate, in which the board decided that war conditions and working parents made it advisable to keep the children in school during the usual extra week.

Congratulations To Al Bardens On New Baby

Councilman Al Barden was busy handing out cigars and receiving congratulations this week on the birth of the Barden daughter, Leslie Elizabeth, born December 10 at Ross hospital.

Jean Barden, mother of the new seven pound, five ounce baby girl, is well-known to hundreds of Marin City residents for her work as reporter with the San Rafael "Independent," and later as city editor of the "Citizen".

Xmas Week Craft Classes Skipped

Next Monday's and Wednesday's furniture making and handcraft classes for adults have been canceled. The classes will resume their regular schedule the week after Christmas.

The classes are held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on those two days in building 400. They are sponsored by the Adult Education program.

Ray Brock moved his family to Sausalito last week.

New X-Ray To Benefit Local People

The people of Marin City will be the first to benefit from a new x-ray mobile unit which has just arrived in northern California from the east. The x-ray will take chest plates of residents for early diagnosis of tuberculosis, free of charge.

Arrangements are now under way for this event to take place the first week in January, according to announcement made early this week by Elmer L. Nielsen, president of the Marin County Tuberculosis Association. Participating in arranging details are the officers of Marin County Tuberculosis Association, which is sponsoring the program and the medical committee of the Marin City council.

The visiting unit is housed in a large truck which also includes three dressing rooms, a reception desk, a control room, wall cabinets and racks for the film, developing tanks, running water, and a dark room. Every phase of the examination, from the time the individual enters until the film is ready for diagnosis, can be completed inside the truck. Pictures may be taken as rapidly as one per minute.

President Nielsen stated that the entire income of the Marin County Tuberculosis Association came from the sale of Christmas Seals. The association has been commended for doing an outstanding job toward arresting the wartime trend of this preventable disease. The present program, added to the thousands of tests made among school children and others during the past year, is made possible by the cooperation of those who buy Christmas Seals.

Here last Sunday to visit his father, Otto Strauss, was W. F. Strauss and his wife and baby daughter of Santa Rosa.

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Yule Music Offered This Sunday

The regular afternoon record program will offer a concert of Christmas music in the lounge of the Community Center Sunday, December 19. Included among the selections will be excerpts from the "Messiah," by Handel, and Madame Schumann-Heink's rendition of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

The "Messiah," Handel's Christmas oratorio, although composed in a few weeks' time, is considered one of his best and most popular works. It ranges from simple, sincere songs of faith to choral passages of great complexity — among them the well known "Alleluja Chorus." The miraculous and tender story of Christ's birth is set to music which has never failed to inspire a deep reverence in its hearers.

"Silent Night, Holy Night," sung by Madame Schumann-Heink, is one of the best recordings ever made of this universal song of Christmas.

The program, which will be from 1 to 3 p.m., includes many other songs and carols of the Yuletide season.

The series will be continued every Sunday. An arrangement with the Wilson Record Library of San Francisco offers a wide choice of selections. Any favorite numbers may be requested for future listening hours. All are invited. Admission is free.

The program for next Sunday:

1. "O Come All Ye Faithful."
2. "Christmas" (Humperdinck; "Silent Night, Holy Night (Gruber).
3. Song and carols.
4. "The Messiah" (Handel).

White Elephants To Be Exchanged At Club Party

A White Elephant Party is planned for the next general meeting of the Marin City Women's Club, January 4, the executive board decided at its meeting yesterday.

Everyone is to bring their household's white elephant which will be exchanged with their neighbor's.

The rest of the party will be devoted to card playing and games.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl James are expecting their daughter Shirley of Minneapolis, Minnesota for the Christmas holidays.

By MARION COTTON

In this week's issue of the "Marin-er" Marcia Patterson, women's counselor at Marinship and vice president of Sausalito Career Women, writes "Presenting the Unknown Quotient: Women in Industry." It is an article packed with truths about the women at work in the yards, their courage, curiosity, willingness, extra-curricular problems, dealing with dock wolves, coping with men bosses—all besides learning a manual trade new to them and donning unfamiliar clothing.

A piece of advice offered to the women was: "Our craftsmen have spent years learning to be artisans; so don't pour salt on the wound because you have shown sufficient skill to get a journeyman's rating; rather take advantage of woman's superior social intelligence in situations requiring tact and accept a certain amount of humble pie; 'falling hurts least—those who fly low.'"

That the men in industry have never been too happy at the advent of women can be found in Marcia Patterson's salty description, "He can supervise record-breaking crews of men; is called a 'good guy who knows his business'; works three shifts without a wink of sleep; and is kind to the children when he gets home; but when SHE appeared, a film seemed to cover the dock (and it wasn't the fog). Here is another woman, and he had kept them out of his hair and off his crew until the shortage of manpower brought HER."

In speaking of absenteeism, the writer brings out some sound reasons why it is more likely to be found among women than the men. "In analyzing the reasons one must consider marketing, shopping, illness in the family, laundry, house hunting, banking, and personal business."

Miss Patterson, who is now Mrs. Roger Suffron but retains her maiden name in her work, ends her article with praise for the job women are doing at Marinship.

Ladies Will Feed Hungry Service Men

Women's Club members will gather at the community kitchen next Tuesday at 3 p.m. to prepare the salad which they will serve Tuesday night to the soldiers and sailors at the Sausalito Service Men's Club.

The ladies will also provide hot dogs, buns, cola and coffee for the hungry service men on the club-sponsored night there.

In the absence of Mrs. Harmon Smith, who was chairman of the evening but who is now ill, the co-chairman, Mrs. W. C. Billingsley, is taking charge of arrangements.

Treats Prepared

Ladies of the Women's Club are meeting tonight at the Community Building to sack candy and nuts for distribution to the children at Sunday's Christmas party.

The W. Woods family has left Marin City to live in Mill Valley.

Strictly Personal . . .

By PEGGY BILLINGSLEY

Mrs. Lula B. Johnson of Ash Grove, Missouri, came last week to spend the winter with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jones and their children at House 545.

Mrs. Verne Lindburg returned from a week's visit at Whittier, California, recently.

Shopping in San Francisco on Tuesday for the Children's Xmas Party were Oliver Engle, newly elected Marin City councilman, and Mrs. W. C. Billingsley.

E. W. Jackson has moved his family to Marvell, Arkansas, for the duration. Jackson is going into the Army.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Drath and son Ronnie, and Dannie Shepard from San Francisco, spent Saturday visiting at the S. E. Jones home.

WEEK'S BEST SHOW

By ANNIE OAKLEY

This is baffle week at the Marin Citizen. Newspaper people as a rule are skeptics and our staff is even more skeptical than most skeptics, but this week we're a bunch of confused skeptics.

We went to a movie the other night and between the newsreel and the cartoon a guy came out on the stage of the Marin Theater and started looking into a crystal ball.

We yawned and made impolite noises and muttered, "We want Mickey Mouse." Our editor, who was busy incubating the flu germs that have him flat on his back in the infirmary this week, groaned and went to sleep with his feet in the aisle. (He was sitting exactly between two aisles.)

But on the stage this guy, Jay Clarke is his name, went right on staring into his crystal ball.

Finally he says, "This question is from XYZ. Will XYZ please say 'here'?"

A hefty woman right in front of us yelled back, "Here!" You could tell she was used to outshouting chipping hammers.

Mr. Clarke went on: "You want to know if your husband is true to you. Does he have a secretary named Gladys?"

The woman's voice wasn't quite so loud as she answered, "Yes."

"Is she tall, about 5 feet 8, and blonde, with a mole on her left cheek?"

"Yes." The hefty lady was whispering by then.

"Well—," Mr. Clarke began with relish, "I don't want to hurt your feelings, but I always say what I think, and lady, what I think isn't good. If I were you I'd find out who paid for that new muskrat coat she got last month. She didn't, that I will tell you. And the next question . . ."

In front of us XYZ was muttering over and over. "She DID get a new muskrat coat last month. She DID get a new muskrat—"

It went on like that for a half hour. One woman asked him when her husband would get a raise and he told her that the old man had gotten one two months before and hadn't let her know.

He informed another woman that her brother was stealing from her father and that her father was right in wanting to kick the kid out. A man asked if he should continue to allow his wife to work graveyard shift and Mr. Clarke informed him that his wife wasn't working graveyard. She was working him and two other guys. He told people who had stolen their watches, their cars, their girl friends and their wives. It was quite an evening.

Of course we don't believe a bit of it. We're skeptics, as I said before, but . . .

He's holding a matinee for women only, next Wednesday, and we're going—those of us that qualify. See you there, gals; maybe you can figure it out. We're stopped.

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Two Months Of Recreation Financed Here

In a report to the people of Marin City, Lyle G. Wentner, who is supervisor of recreation for Marin county announced this week that nearly $2000 has been spent here for recreational personnel during the two months the program has been in operation. A sports equipment fund of $350 has been divided among five county recreational centers, and $110 for crafts has been spent in three centers.

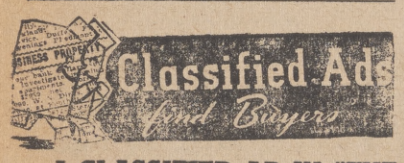
In explanation of the lack of funds for small crafts works for the children, Wentner declared, "The urgent needs of each center will be met as soon as funds are made available by the supervising agencies — the Federal Security Agency and the Federal Works Agency. Therefore, we can't buy such equipment as model planes or any materials that will be used for crafts to be taken home by the children.

"We are buying craft tools, sports equipment, and facilities that will build a permanent operating pool for our various groups. We want to thank the P-T.A. and the Marin City council for funds that have purchased the craft materials which we have been unable to provide here," he stated.

Funds in support of this wartime recreational measure are provided by Federal Lanham Act money, which is paid out here in quarterly installments.

The present program employs one full-time assistant director, Mrs. Martha Roberts, and two part-time recreation leaders, Miss Alice James and Lloyd Messersmith. The recreational director is seeking a trained sports leader to round out the staff here.

It's almost SRO at Monday night's square and folk dance at the Community Building.



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Food Action Taken

Council Concerns Self With Local and National Problem

The Marin City Council went on record supporting the President's Food Subsidy Act at their meeting here last Sunday. The action was taken after an appeal was made by Bob Roberts and Francis Shelley, council-designated delegates to the CIO-sponsored food conference.

Roberts, Shelley and Michael Smith were appointed by the group to create a committee which will circulate petitions and inform the people of the subsidy program—to let Congress know the will of Marin City people.

The council, operating with a bare quorum of its membership present, heard and approved routine committee reports. The Child Welfare Committee reported plans completed for the coming Children's Christmas Party. Chairman Arthur D'Ettel of the Improvement Committee, charged with the responsibility of investigating the loose dog menace, reported that wandering dogs can be impounded. "The County Humane Society will remove all dogs from Marin City which are not collared or leashed if interested citizens will tie up the dogs and then call the society. The society will not catch the dogs which are running loose, however,' 'D'Ettel announced.

Tenants who complained about actions of the Rose Exterminator Company in spraying their apartment unnecessarily with arsenic powder were represented by their councilman, who suggested that these apartment dwellers should be reimbursed for food loss and cleaning time. The matter was referred to the Improvement Committee.

The coming TB chest plate examinations for all Marin City residents was explained to the council, with the announcement that Mrs. W. C. Billingsley will be at the rental office to make appointments for the tests.

A financial report by Chairman W. C. Billingsley showed $200.52 net returns on last month's War Chest dance.

The Recreation Department, working in Marin City, was awarded $15 by the council for woodworking materials, on an appeal from Mrs. Martha Roberts of the recreation staff.

The last action of the meeting was taken when the council went on record congratulating the recreation personnel for the good work they are doing in Marin City. The secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to the County Planning Association.

War Chest Appeals To M.C. People

An appeal to all Marin City families who have not donated to the War Chest through Marinship or other channels was made this week by W. C. Billingsley, newly appointed chairman of Marin City War Chest drive.

"We have a quota of $1000 to raise in our town. I am urging citizens who have not yet contributed to donate their share through our community. Checks, made out to the War Chest drive may be sent to me at P.O. Box 34," Billingsley stated.

Marin City has $130 of its quota now, $100 from the War Chest party and $30 from private donations.

Paper Launched

The "Junior Herald," official organ of the Marin City Teeners, made its initial bow at their dance last Friday night. Volume 1, No. 1, a neat mimeograph job, includes a frank "Peepin' Tom" column by Lucky Axtell, and a sports review by Merlin Richardson and Konrad Knudson.

Sausalito Kids Get Free Bread And Butter

Bread and butter will be added, without extra cost, to the meals which Sausalito school children buy at their school cafeteria, it was decided at last Monday's school board meeting.

This free addition is being provided to absorb the $257 excess in last month's operating budget at the cafeteria, which is designed on a non-profit basis.

Hand-Made Gifts Sold At Bazaar

The lovely hand-made articles which the women of the Community Church Auxiliary had made during their weekly sewing get-togethers, were on sale at yesterday's bazaar at the Community Building.

Some of the items displayed were aprons, tea towels, laundry bags, pin cushions, luncheon cloths, pot holders, children's pinafores and dresses.

Refreshments were served during the sale. Receipts will benefit the auxiliary treasury.

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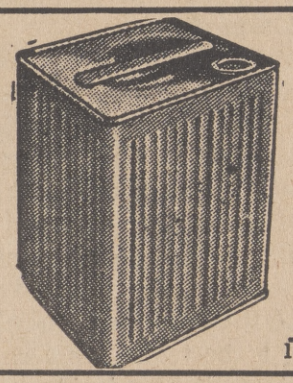
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Subsidies or Inflation

What at first appeared to be a walk-away in the food subsidies fight is now settling down to a two-way scrap in which the average citizen stands a fighting chance to win. A conference held in San Francisco last Sunday is evidence to show that the full significance of congressional bungling on this question is beginning to reach the people who stand to suffer most. Trade unions of both CIO and AFL, farm organizations, and miscellaneous groups of the Bay Area met in conference to map out a campaign to call Congress' attention to the fact that the cost of living is high enough right now. And on that question there will be no compromise.

Regardless of anyone's personal or political affiliations, this truth stands out: the national administration has done a good job, under the worst possible circumstances, to avoid the catastrophe of inflation.

Stripped of all the empty oratory of congressmen who either lack the courage to resist pressure groups of the selfish interests or are just plain muddle-headed, the argument boils down to this: if the wage earners of America want to continue to be able to live on what they make, the subsidy program must continue.

The subsidy program means simply that the government, in order to keep the food producers from raising the cost of a commodity to the housewife, pays the producers the amount necessary to operate at a profit.

In that manner there is no danger of running the gamut of an inflation spiral that makes a working man's dollar worthless. The alternative to this would be to permit the food producer to raise prices. This would in turn necessitate a raise in wages. Such a race between cost of living and higher wages would be disastrous, as any economist who knows the difference between a dollar and 15 cents could tell you.

Some day the whole story behind the fight in Congress on the question of subsidies is going to be told. It's a sordid story of minor statesmen who haven't any insides, of politicians who feel that a loud noise is a substitute for logic.

Marin City Bulletin Board

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18—
Catechism—Council Room, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Children's Recreation—3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Teeners' Election Rally—8 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19—
Catholic Mass—Council Room, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School—Council Room and Lounge Room, 9:45 a.m.
Community Church—Council Room, 11 a.m.
Horseshoe Tournament—Fire House, 1 to 3 p.m.
Symphony Session—Lounge Room, 1 to 3 p.m.
Children's Christmas Party—Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20—
Badminton for Adults—Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Square Dancing—Council Room, 7:30 p.m.
Community Bldg. open for Junior Recreation, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21—
Teeners' Election—Lounge, 1 to 9 p.m.
Crafts for Children—Council Room, 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Community Bldg. open for recreation, 1:30-5:30 and 7-10 p.m.
Boy Scouts, Troop 34—Control Center, 7 p.m.
Home Nursing Class—A41-363, 10 a. m. to 12 noon and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
District No. 1 Boy Scouts—Lounge, 7:30 p.m.
Teeners' Airplane Modeling—Child Care Bldg. No. 2, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22—
Garden Class—Garden Center, 1 to 3 p.m.
Model Airplane Building for 6 to 12 years—Child Care Bldg. No. 1, 3 to 5 p.m.
Community Bldg. open for recreation—1-5:30 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m
Children's Square Dance—Community Bldg, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23—
Community Bldg. open for recreation—1 to 5:30 p.m.
Sea Scouts—Control Center, 7 p.m.
Mixed Chorus—Council Room, 7 p.m.
Teeners' Woodworking—Child Care Bldg. No. 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24—
Boy Scout Troop 32—Cabin on playfield, 7 p.m.
Recreation at Community Bldg—1-5:30 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.
Children's Wordworking—Child Care Bldg. No. 1, 4-5:30 p.m.
Philatelist Meet in Lounge —8 p.m.
Teeners' Dance—Auditorium, 9 p.m.

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MIKE'S COLUMN

By MICHAEL SMITH

This is about one of those unimportant little incidents in a man's life that you like to talk about, that you never forget, and no one else is particularly interested in. So, I will start at the beginning.

When I get up in the morning I always make it a point to delay putting on my heavy boots until just before I leave the house for work. I do this to avoid the risk of annoying the swing shifter who lives in the other half of the building. Usually I get up about 15 minutes before my wife does. On the day in question in which the incident occurred she was unusually stubborn about arising. Sometimes she is so contrary about this that I have to resort to all sorts of trickery to get her up.

On this particular morning I had gotten my own breakfast. I was just bending over to pick up my boots when I was suddenly stricken with an indescribable pain in my back that caused me to fall forward on my face. I was temporarily unable to move. I called my wife for help.

Thinking it was just another ruse to lure her out of bed, she turned over and went back to sleep. My low moans must have awakened her because in a few moments she was standing beside me, tapping her foot impatiently on the floor. "Stop doing whatever it is you are doing down there on the floor and get up," she said.

"I can't," I said, "I'm paralyzed."

"Don't be silly. You couldn't be paralyzed this early in the morning," my wife replied.

"I don't mean that kind of paralyzed," I replied. "I am hurt."

Between us we finally got me back into bed. When the doctor arrived he explained that somewhere in everybody's back there is a ligament or something which injures a certain nerve if it gets out of joint as the result of bending over in a certain way. That's a rough translation of the description he gave me in Latin.

I was laid up for three days. That's the story and it probably goes to show something or the other. All this could have been avoided if I had only gone to work barefooted. But then barefooted welders is something else again.

My back is still covered with adhesive tape that beats any girdle I ever heard of for itching.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Engle on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Larence of Oakland and Mrs. Joe Halubar, Mrs. Martha Rouse and Mrs. Frank Rodil of Omaha, Nebraska.

World's Largest Christmas Tree

Annual Yuletide ceremonies at the world's tallest and oldest "Living Christmas Tree" will be commemorated this year to members of the armed forces of the United States. "THE FOUNDERS' TREE," 364 feet high, was hundreds of years old when Christ was born. This famous redwood is in southern Humboldt County.

THE... SOAP... BOX...

By GORDON McLAUGHLIN

The pressure groups in Washington are about to slip us another Mickey Finn, and we, the poor suckers, don't seem to care enough to do anything about it.

To my mind, subsidies are a necessity, because as we have been warned from all sides, once ceiling prices are broken, the runaway starts and whoever breaks the ceiling first takes the jackpot.

Here's the way it goes, using the farm bloc as a starter: The farmer gets another cent on milk. The creamery gets, say the original price paid plus 20 per cent plus the one-cent raise plus the 20 per cent on that; and on millions of gallons, 20 per cent of one cent runs into money. Each person handling the product gets the same additional 20 per cent or more, so that by the time we, the consumers, get it the raise has been two cents or more. With government subsidies the farmer will get his one-cent raise which we would still pay through taxes, but that is all we would pay.

Multiply this one commodity, milk, by all the others such as grain, coal, cotton, lumber, sugar, and all the rest and the price of living jumps. Finally we, the group at the bottom of the heap, get a raise to balance the scale again at a higher level. But before that happens, the producer has raked in the shekels that made up the difference between what he sold stuff for and what he paid for stuff he bought.

It's a good deal—for the other group. What can you do about it- Write your congressman, telling him you want the subsidies and a maintenance of ceiling prices. Do it now because the time is growing short.

BOOKS IN REVIEW

HUNGRY HILL. By Daphne Du Maurier.

"Hungry Hill" is a big, powerful novel depicting the struggle of a proud, semi-aristocratic family to escape the destiny of living which had been handed down from generation to generation . Miss Du Maurier draws for us a picture of the bitter fight between the self-righteous, progressive and smug Brodericks and their sly, improvident neighbors, the Donovans, with the same skill which marked her "Rebecca."

We meet Copper John Broderick, a prosperous landlord and owner of the Clonmere, a grand estate, the Donovans and the other poor Irish who had lived in Doonhaven for centuries, and who regarded the Brodericks as impostors.

Miss Du Maurier excels in her description of the Brodericks, the Donovans, the Irish coast, the lakes and wild countryside. We note in this new novel a maturity of characterization which was not prevalent in her first books, and when the reader starts reading this book, he will not lay it aside until he reaches the end.

Editor Ill

The "Citizen" staff regrets that the editor, James San Jule, has been in the infirmary with flu for the past week. We join with the readers in the hope that he'll return in time to turn out next week's issue.